

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Shu KOBAYASHI et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**
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METHOD FOR PRODUCING β -
AMINOKETONE AND CATALYST THEREFOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows: